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Mr. Tom Alcamo
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Re: Master Metals Site - Cleveland, OH

Dear Mr. Alcamo,

This letter follows our telephone conference on November 6, 1996 in which I related the following facts. During the mid-1980's to the early 1990's, our manufacturing process resulted in spent steel shot, uncontaminated with any hazardous substance. Through the inadvertence of management, this material was, however, mistakenly labeled hazardous and was shipped, accompanied by a hazardous waste manifest, to Master Metals in Cleveland, where some of it is still located.

In September, 1996, the landowner gave General Dynamics permission to enter upon the site. In October, 1996 General Dynamics sampled the 37 drums of this material still present at the site. I have enclosed a copy of the sampling plan employed, the field notes of the project manager who led the sampling team and the sampling results.

Our analysis of each of these samples confirms that the 36 drums of spent steel shot contained no hazardous substances above regulated levels. A description of the analytical techniques, and a tabulation of the results, are likewise enclosed. At this time it was discovered that one additional drum, labeled as hazardous waste-waste flammables, did in fact contain lab pack material. The subject drum was removed from the site by General Dynamics' environmental subcontractor on October 25, 1996 and is currently being held at Spring Grove, the subcontractor's storage facility, pending ultimate disposal at a proper disposal site.

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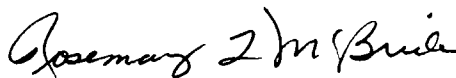
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The continued presence at the Master Metals site of these 36 drums of non-hazardous substances (and 6 additional drums of materials produced during decontamination following the sampling) complicates remediation of the site and may unnecessarily expose General Dynamics to added risk in that the drums might be commingled with hazardous substances generated by others.

We believe that everyone's interest will be advanced by our recovery of these materials from the site and by our disposal of them elsewhere. Enclosed herewith is our written plan for this recovery.

We would appreciate your advice on this proposal. I shall contact you again in a few days to discuss the matter.

Sincerely,



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